(b) It could not be found.

(c) The Co-operative Registrar's Office; it has not been possible to fix the responsibility for the safe custody of these articles on any particular clerk since there have been frequent changes in the personnel of the office staff.

(d) and (e) Please see answer of (c) above.

(g) When the register was called for.

(h) No.

(i) It was not thought necessary to do so.

(j) No. Please see answer to (i)

Water-tax—Ernakulam and Mattancheri Municipalities.

295. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the amounts collected last year separately from the Municipalities of Ernakulam and Mattancheri on account of water-tax and the amount realised from other sources on account of the supply of water from the Chowwara Head Works;

(b) the amount collected by the Ernakulam Municipality last year by way of water-tax?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— (a) As against a sum of Rs. 41,271—13—2 due from the Ernakulam Municipality they paid an amount of Rs. 21,946—2—10. No amount was realised from Mattancheri in 1109.

(b) Rs. 10,556—1—6

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—With regard to sub-division (a) as against a sum of Rs. 41,271-13-2 due from the Ernakulam Municipality, an amount of Rs. 21,000 and odd is paid. What about the balance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—It has to be remitted by the Ernakulam Municipality.

Mr. Paul Mampilli:—Where is the measurement of water taken? Is it at Chowwara or at Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—At Ernakulam.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Is the amount of Rs. 10,000 and odd due from the tax-payers, or, is it the amount actually collected?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—It is the amount actually collected.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Then what is the difference due to?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Rs. 41,000 and odd is the amount of our bill to the municipality and as water tax they collected Rs. 10,000 and odd.

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Mr. P. Raman Menon:—What is the large difference due to?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—That is the amount collected by way of water tax and Rs. 41,000 and odd is the cost of water supplied.

Mr. Joseph Pettah:—What is the total running charges for maintaining the system?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—It varies from year to year. We have fixed it at 4 annas per thousand gallon.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—What I wanted to know is whether the Municipality has been able to collect more than Rs. 10,000 and odd.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—They have been able to collect more than that. This Rs. 10,500 represents only the tax collected as water tax and it does not include the money that they received by charging the house owners for excess consumption.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—May I know what the excess charge will amount to in a year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Since the question was not asked, I have not got the figures here. I want notice.

Mr. M. A. Chakko:—Does the Municipality get anything for the water that is supplied to the street hydrants?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—That is covered by water tax.

Mr. P. C. Varkey:—Does this amount include the amount derived from steamers, etc?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—No. It is not billed for against the Ernakulam Municipality.

Mr. Paul Mampilli:—Does the Municipality get anything for water supplied for Government buildings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The quantity of water consumed in Government buildings is also deducted from the bill.

Mr. Paul Mampilli:—Does the Municipality get anything for water supplied for charitable institutions, for example, schools and other institutions?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—If it is a Government building, it will be deducted.

Mr. Paul Mampilli:—There are private institutions such as St. Albert's High School, where free supply of water is given.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—In that case the Municipality collects the excess consumption charge.

Mr. Paul Mampilli:—With regard to the free supply allowed to them by the Government, is that tax deducted from the amount due from the Municipality?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—There are only very few instances of that kind.

Mr. P. C. Varkey:—Is it a fact that the number of street hydrants has been reduced?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Yes.

Mr. P. C. Varkey:—Will it not affect the health of the poor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—I think such reduction is made on very careful consideration by the Municipality.

Mr. A Sivarama Menon:—May I know if the difference between the amount demanded and the amount already given is still a subsisting claim?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Yes.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—What do the Government propose to do?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—It will be collected from the Municipality.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—May I know on what basis you bill the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The cost is calculated by the cost of establishment, the cost of working and maintenance and depreciation charges.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—How is the delay explained? Did the Municipality want time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—I understand that the Municipality have appointed a sub-committee on this question, and they are waiting to get its report.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—Did the Municipality ask for any reduction?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—No.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—May I know what the last answer from the Municipality is?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—This was the last answer that they are awaiting the report of the committee.

Medicines brought for inoculation.

296. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of adult doses of the medicine for inoculation brought out so far from 9th September last;

(b) the number used, and its cost;

(c) the number returned as un-used ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(a). 7000 doses.

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